

PAW PRINTS

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Early Release at 11:50am

Nov. 24th - 25th –Early Release and Parent/Teacher Conf.

Nov. 26th – Literacy Day & EARLY RELEASE DAY

Nov. 27th & 28th – No School – Thanksgiving

Dec. 2nd – NAEC Presents “Mr. & Mrs. Fish”

Dec. 4th, Flourishes Gifts & Home Décor 20% Back

FROM MR. GILLIGAN...

November, 2008 is Family Literacy Month. This annual celebration, sponsored by the Massachusetts Family Literacy Consortium and the Massachusetts Reading Leadership Team, underscores the importance of strong literacy skills that help each family member be successful in school and in life. On Wednesday, November 26th we will celebrate our 11th annual “Family Literacy Day” here at the Thomson School. I look forward to seeing those who signed up on this day.

Monday November 24 and Tuesday November 25 are conference days. The parent conference is one of the occasions during the school year when you get to meet face to face with your child’s teacher to discuss their academic progress. The teacher will have a variety of topics to discuss with you but be sure to ask questions you may have about your child. Please keep in mind that the teacher has to meet with a lot of parents and is on a tight schedule. Most conferences have been scheduled for 15-minute intervals.

PTO UPDATES:

THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED WITH THE HOLIDAY FAIR!

Once again the fair was a great success and a good time was had by all! We would especially like to thank Holly Breen for putting together all the wonderful baskets, Kelley Plodzic for organizing the bake sale table and soliciting raffle prizes, Kelly Long for soliciting raffle prizes and organizing the gingerbread man table, Laurie Fichera for organizing the arts and crafts, Diane Camire for organizing the vendors, Sally Finnamore for soliciting the pizza donations, Anne Webster for the popcorn machine, and Kurt Burzlaff, Kevin Breen, Bryan Long and Mike Boenitz for picking up and delivering the pizza. Diane Camire would like to thank the 5th Graders for coming in the morning to help the vendors unload, Tess Dunham, Sarah Waldrep, Bobby Albrecht, Taylor Silver, Steven Arnold and to Doreen Albrecht who organized these great 5th Graders. Thanks to Steven Arnold and Dimitri Brachos who sold water to some very thirsty vendors. Most of all thanks to all of you!!! For everyone that volunteered their time and those who came to support our school. Last, but not least, we would like to thank Mr. Mullin for all his hard work before, during and after the fair!

Please remember to support the many local businesses that contributed to our fair!

WE WISH EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

NORTH ANDOVER ENRICHMENT COUNCIL: K-2 students at Thomson School will learn about seacoast creatures on habitats on Tuesday, December 2nd. The "Mr. and Mrs. Fish" program, sponsored by the North Andover Schools Enrichment Council, will give students a first hand look at the sea creatures and seaweed found on the sandy beaches and in the tidal pools along the coast of Massachusetts. Students will learn about the eating habits and characteristics of clams, starfish, crabs, seagulls, snails, mussels, barnacles, and sea urchins; gain insight into such concepts as molting, regeneration, filter feeding, and eating by osmosis; and experience how tide pool life is designed to withstand a variety of seasonal weather changes, including storms. For more information contact Sharon Beninato or visit www.mrandmrsfish.com.

Save the Date! On Thursday, December 4th, Flourishes Gifts & Home Décor, (1015 Osgood Street) will donate 20% of every sale that is purchased on that day to the Thomson School. Flourishes have a unique selection of gifts for your home, baby and much more. Watch your child's backpack for more information.

Attention High School Musical Lovers!! The school that purchases the most tickets to NSMT's presentation of High School Musical 2: The Stage Show will receive a visit from the professional actors from the HSM 2: The Stage Show cast along with the NSMT Performance Troupe. The performance troupe and cast will come to the winning school for a Question & Answer session about their acting careers and teach the students the "What Time Is It?" dance from Disney's High School Musical 2...so don't delay, purchase your tickets today! Remember.... We can do this...Because we're all in this together!! **Tickets for High School Musical 2: The Stage Show** make a great holiday gift, especially with proceeds (\$10 for every ticket sold) coming back to the Thomson School.... mention it to your friends and family.... don't forget to use our special code when ordering tickets. That code again is FTES1. Please contact Sherrie Cashman at sherriecash@verizon.net with any questions.